FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service

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USDA ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX PURCHASE PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-218, as amended, for all purpose egg mix for domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened.

Offers are invited from the trade for all purpose egg mix packaged in plastic laminated foil pouches, 6 ounces (170 g) to each pouch and 18 pounds (8.16 kg) net in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 2,000 shipping containers (forty-eight 6-ounce (170-g) pouches each) totaling 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg) net weight.

Invitation No. 024, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Tuesday, Feb. 19 (due to the holiday on Monday for Federal employees), is being issued this week. The invitation will include destinations and estimated quantities for five delivery periods. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Feb. 22, for product to be delivered from April 1 to April 15 and from May 1 to June 30.

As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended; Announcement PY-218, as amended; Appendix-1; and the Commodity Specification for All Purpose Egg Mix dated April 1998 and Amendment Numbers 1 and 2.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch Stop 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

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